

REMARKS

1. Pursuant to this Response, please amend claims 1, 21, and 22 as indicated above in the listing of claims. The Applicants respectfully request that these amendments to the claims be entered, since the Applicants believe that the amended claims are now in condition for allowance. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims.

2. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Sheha et al. (U.S. Publication No. 2003/0016804). The Sheha et al. reference is broadly directed toward a position determination system in which "Map Caller ID" information is transmitted to a user of a telephone system. In application, Sheha et al. rely upon an online database and application server (3 in FIG. 1) for the location information, and a display device such as a personal computer (23a in FIG. 4) in order to provide a full range of position information, including map display, for the end-user. It is intended by Sheha et al. that the user implement a GUI including a mouse in order to select the desired position information at the desired level of detail or granularity (See, for example, paragraphs [0041] and [0042] of Sheha et al.

The Applicant respectfully submits that Sheha et al. fail to meet the limitations of claims 1 and 22 as amended, since Sheha et al. fail to teach or suggest selecting a granularity value from among a set of granularity values or providing location information to the user in response to the selected value. As noted above, Sheha et al. simply transmits the available location information, without requiring the user to select a granularity value, then relies upon an application program installed on an associated computing device, such as a PC, for access to the information at a

desired level of detail. For these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 22, as amended, are patentably distinguishable over the Sheha et al. reference, and should thus be passed to issuance. Claims 2 through 10 depend ultimately from claim 1, which has been shown to be allowable above, and are thus also in condition for allowance, since these dependent claims depend from an allowable base claim.

Claim 11 is set forth in its entirety below:

11. In a communications system, a method comprising the steps of:
providing a user with a selection of at least two location display options;
based on the user's selection of location display options, determining
location information for a calling party that places a telephone call to the user;
providing the location information to the user for display to the user, said
user and said calling party being parties to said telephone call.

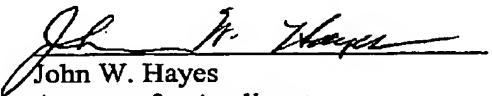
Contrary to the Examiner's interpretation of claim 11 in view of Sheha et al., the Applicants respectfully submit that Sheha et al. does not determine "location information for a calling party" which is "based on the user's selection of location display options." Instead, Sheha et al. provide available location information to the user and rely upon the user's actions, through an associated computing device, to make an inherent selection of desired location display options through a GUI. For this reason, the Applicant respectfully submits that claim 11 is patentably distinguishable over Sheha et al. and should thus be passed to issuance. Claims 12 through 20, which depend ultimately from claim 11, are also in condition for allowance as depending from an allowable base claim, and should therefore be passed to issuance as well.

3. The Examiner has rejected claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Alperovich et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,185,426). The Alperovich et al. reference is directed toward a system for delivery of location information about a caller.

The Applicants respectfully submit that Alperovich et al. fail to meet the limitations of claim 21, as amended, since Alperovich et al. fail to teach or suggest selecting a granularity value from among a set of granularity values or providing location information to the user in response to the selected value. For these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21 is patently distinguishable over Alperovich et al., and should thus be passed to issuance.

4. The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 through 22 have been shown to be patentably distinguishable over the prior art of record, and are thus in condition for allowance. Allowance of all claims pending is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

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